

The treasurer, by his construction of these resolutions, refused to credit on the said judgments against Green and his sureties, any thing more than commissions, after the usual rates, on the principal sums for which said judgments were rendered and the interest on the same. The attorney general also, further insisted that these resolutions were obtained by surprise and misrepresentation, and further, that the legislature had no authority to pass them, and that they are void, as being in contravention of the 4th and 6th articles of the declaration of rights.

Brown & Welch, the sureties of Green, insisted that by the true construction of these resolutions they were entitled to have credited on said judgments all the commissions which may have been *at any time* heretofore forfeited by said Green as clerk, and *all* the interest on balances against him which may have been *at any time* heretofore paid into the treasury, and that such was the design and intention of the legislature in passing said resolutions. They accordingly, on the 4th of May, 1847, filed their bill against the attorney general for an injunction, restraining execution on these judgments until the further order of the court, and from a *pro forma* order of the Chancellor, continuing this injunction, the attorney general appealed. This appeal was argued in the Court of Appeals, at its December term, 1847, when the decree was affirmed, ARCHER, C. J. delivering the following opinion of the court, which has not before been reported in any of the Maryland reports.

"The resolutions of the legislature, referred to in the record, are so clearly and unambiguously worded as to leave no doubt of their construction.

"The first resolution requires the accounts of William S. Green, clerk of Anne Arundel county, to be examined and corrected by allowing him for commissions which may have been withheld because of his delay in making payments into the treasury within the time limited by law for the purpose, and also with interest.

"These accounts were kept at the treasury against William S.